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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Status of Appointments in the
Dominican Provisional Government

1. During the past few weeks Garcia Godoy has, on the whole, done little to remove objectionable officials from the provisional regime. During this period the attention of the President and other political figures, including US officials, has been riveted on the Christmas bonus strike, the Santiago fighting, and the renewed civil-military conflict, with little attention being paid to the question of replacing these officials.

2. Two objectionable officials are no longer active in their posts. One, Hector Castro Noboa, former director of Radio Santo Domingo, has been removed. The embassy has commented that his "interim" replacement, Juan Alfonseca Espailat, "can be counted on to do a businesslike impartial job" even though he is a staunch supporter of Bosch's party. Since Castro's removal, the government's radio has been an important moderating influence. Another objectionable official, Garcia Godoy's press secretary Franklin Dominguez, is on an "over-seas trip." Garcia Godoy in the past indicated he was seeking a qualified replacement for Dominguez.

3. Information is lacking for a definitive assessment of the advisers who are most influencing Garcia Godoy.

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Of those US officials who have the President's ear, Ambassador Ellsworthunker continues to have the most influence on him in presenting our viewpoints.

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4. Garcia Godoy also continues to lean heavily on an unofficial group of advisers, the "Santiago group." Its members are business and civic leaders of an upper-class background who have shown an enlightened and progressive attitude toward economic and social issues. Many members of this group, such as Tomas Pastoriza Espaillat, are held in high regard by the embassy.

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